(c) at what level the decision to procure from contractors were taken with reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No products like Skimmed Milk Poder, Butter Oil and White Butter are being procured from contractors. Only raw milk is being procured from them Raw milk is being procured from State Cooperative Federations of adjoining States, viz., Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, local Cooperative Societies of Delhi and contractors Procurement of milk from contractors become necessary after local Cooperative Societies suddenly stopped supply of milk to DMS in 1991. It was considered essential to broadbase the sources of procurement of milk so that sale of milk to public of suppliers.

(b) Upto 50 per cent of the requirement of milk by DMS is procured from State Cooperative Federations and local Cooperative Societies after negotiating rates of supply with them and upto remaining 50 per cent of milk is procured from the private contractors on the basis of annual contracts after inviting open tenders.

(c) The Government took the decision to procure a part of the requirements of milk from contractors.

Challenges to Agriculture

2151. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the various challenges faced by Agriculture in the State of Madhya Pradesh at present;

(b) whether Government have any scheme to overcome these challenges;

(c) if so the details thereof;

(d) whether those schemes are going to be implemented during Eighth Plan; and

(e) if so, the salient features of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Some of the major challenges faced by Agriculture in Madhya Pradesh are dependance on rainfall, low coverage under high yielding varieties/hybrids, low consumption of fertilisers and micro-nutrients deficiencies

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of India is implementing a number of Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes for increasing agricultural production in Madhya Pradesh:

1. Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRD).

2. Special Foodgrains Production Programme—Wheat.

3. Special Foodgrains Production Programme—Maize and Millets.

4. Intensive Cotton Development Programme.

5. Special Foodgrains Production Programme—Pulses.

6. National Pulses Development Project.

7. Oilseeds Production Programme.

8. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas.

9. Balanced and Integrated use of Fertilizers.

10. Soil Conservation in the Catchment of River Valley Projects.

11. Integrated Watershed Management in the Catchment of Flood Prone River—Sone.

(d) These schemes are likely to be continued during the 8th Five Year Plan.

(e) Under these schemes incentives are being provided to the farmers for

use of critical inputs like seeds of high yielding varieties/hybrids, micro-nutrients, plant protection chemicals, plan to protection equipments, improved farm imlements, rhyzobium culture, sypsum/pyrites etc. Besides, for quick transfer of newly developed technology demonstrations on the farmers' fields are organised and traininging is imparted to the farmers/ farm Labourers etc.

NDDB outlets for fruits and vegetables

2152. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NDDB has decided to set up more retail outlets for fruits and vegetables;

(b) if so, the details of the marketing plan State-wise for the current year; and

(c) what has been the response to the presently operated outlets for these commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) Response from the customers to the presently operated outlets of NDDB fruits and Vegetables Project in Delhi is good.

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Technology mission on oilseeds

2153. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Technology Mission on Oilseeds has launched in May, 1986;

(b) If so, the total oilseeds production in the country since the Mission was launched till date;

(c) whether pulses were brought under the purview of Technology Mission in August, 1990; and

(d) if so, the total pulses production in the country since August 1990 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Total production of nine major oilseeds is as under:

Year	Production (Lakh Tonnes)
1986-87	112.7
1987-88	126.5
1988-89	180.3
1989-90	169.2
1990-91	186.1
1991-92	182.8

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The total pulses production in the country was as under:

Year	Production (Lakh Tonnes
1990-91	142.
1991-92	120.

Mirkarwada fisheries Harbour

2155. DR. RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV RAVI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approval of an estimated cost of Rs. 344.25 lakhs was accorded by the Government